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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, MILI, LE, IS, XF  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: UN'S IMPRESSION OF GOL'S STATE OF MIND

1. UN SOURCE IN CONFIDENCE HAS GIVEN US GIST OF REPORT  
BEIRUT UN REP SAUNDERS SENT UNNY AUGUST 15.
2. IN AUGUST 14 CONVERSATION WITH G-2 JOHNNY ABDO, FOLLOWING  
POINTS EMERGED:  
(A) GOL WILL DECIDE SOON ON RECOURSE TO SC. HOWEVER, IN  
ORDER NOT TO BE OVERSHADOWED, ACTION MIGHT BE DELAYED UNTIL  
AFTER CAMP DAVID MEETING.  
(B) GOL MUST HAVE A TOKEN FORCE ESTABLISHED SOMEWHERE IN  
THE SOUTH. THIS WAS THE ONLY PRACTICABLE COURSE OPEN AT THIS  
STAGE. RETREAT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. GOL WAS TROUBLED  
NEITHER THE UN NOR THE US WAS TRYING AS HARD AS THEY  
COULD. (SIC) POSITIONS OF U.S. AND UN WERE VERY SIMILAR.  
GOL AWARE VIEWS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS SUCH AS FRANCE.  
UNLESS TOKEN FORCE ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTH, THERE WAS

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A RISK UNIFIL WOULD BE EXTENDED ON A LIMITED BASIS OR  
PERHAPS NOT AT ALL.

3. SAUNDERS HIMSELF COMMENTED GOL HAD NO FIRM PLAN WITH  
WELL WORKED OUT ALTERNATIVES FOR EMERGING FROM KAWKABA  
SITUATION. GOL WAS IMPATIENT WITH US POSITION AND THIS  
WAS DEMONSTRATED BY FIRST PUBLIC CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICIES

IN A LONG TIME. SAUNDERS CONCLUDED GOL COUNTED ON UN TO POINT WAY FORWARD FROM KAWKABA AND TO PROVIDE FIRM SUPPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION. ABDO WAS AWARE OF RADIO REPORTS THAT MAJORITY OF LAF BATTALION HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM KAWKABA BUT DID NOT COMMENT.

4. COMMENT: IF GOL IS UNWILLING TO RUN WHAT APPEARS TO BE MINIMAL RISKS OF DEPLOYING TO ALTERNATE SITES NORTH OF TIBNIN, AS SUGGESTED BY ERSKINE, ESCORTED BY SYRIANS AND SURROUNDED BY UNIFIL, PERHAPS LEAST BAD OUTCOME WOULD BE TO LEAVE ONE COMPANY AT KAWKABA AS SUGGESTED BY AIME PROVIDED THIS WOULD ACHIEVE RENEWAL OF UNIFIL'S MANADATE. OF COURSE, IF GOL EVENTUALLY COURT MARTIALED HADDAD AND SENTENCED HIM TO DEATH, THEN KAWKABA WOULD BE GOOD DEAL LESS SAFE THAN THE TIBNIN AREA.

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